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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kunio Imai

Application No.: 10/540,131

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Art Unit: 4111

For: PRELIMINARY FORMING APPARATUS,
PRELIMINARY FORMING METHOD AND
FORMING METHOD THAT USE THE
APPARATUS, AND FILM WITH PICTURE

Examiner: Hauth, G.H.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 13, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect Group 1, Product Claims 1-8, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that, as admitted by the Examiner, all claims include common technical features of, at least, a pre-formation apparatus comprising a film feeder, a pre-formation section with upper and lower clamp members, a retractable section in which the device determines with the pitch and meandering detection sections if a film being processed is correctly aligned in the apparatus. If a claim of Group 1 is allowable, Groups 2 and 3 would be rejoined and also be found to be allowable.

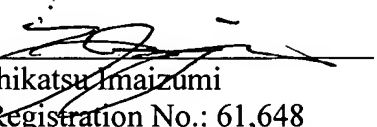
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. KKI-0106 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: September 3, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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